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Dated 31-5-55

[Despatch Abstract.]

Hony. Medical Officers - Govt. Lady Goschen Hospital. Mangalore - Dr (Kumari) Lydia Cottaco, Hony. Asst. Medical Officer - Report against - Orders passed.

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Medical Department

From

Lt.Col.Sangham Lal, MBBS., FRCS., DOMS.,
Director of Medical Services, Madras-6.

To

The Secretary to Government, Health, Education and
Local Administration Department, Madras.

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Ref.No.24502 E.2/55, dated 7/10-5-1955.

Sir,

Sub: Honorary Medical Officers - Dr.(Kumari) Lydia Colaco, Honorary Assistant Medical Officer, Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore - report against.

Ref: 1. G.O.Ms.No.201 Health dated 21-1-1952.
2. G.O.Ms.No.134 Health dated 11-1-1955.

I invite a reference to the Government order second cited wherein the Government have appointed Dr.(Kumari) Lydia Colaco as Honorary Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in the Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore. The orders were not given effect to for want of hospital facilities.

The District Medical Officer, Mangalore has brought to my notice of two specific cases in which Dr.Colaco was negligent in her duties and also a case in which the Honorary Assistant Medical Officer is reported to have tampered with the hospital records. A copy of his D.O.No.2767/55, dated 7-4-55 with enclosures is enclosed for the information of the Government. The report of Dr.S.G. Audinarayanaraju, the previous District Medical Officer, Mangalore (copy enclosed) also shows that the antecedents of the officer have not also been quite good. It is evident from the reports that the work turned out by Dr. Colaco is not up to the standard expected of a Medical Office with such high post-graduate qualifications. I consider the

there is certain amount of professional incompetency on the part of the Honorary Assistant Medical Officer in regard to the present cases referred to by the District Medical Officer. I, therefore, recommend that Dr.Colaco may be warned to be careful in future and that otherwise serious notice will be taken of her work and conduct.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Medical Services.

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Copy of D.O.letter C.No.2767-55, dated 7-4-1955 of the District Medical Officer. South Kanara.

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I am sorry I have to burden you with the following as I know how busy you are.

A patient by name Kantharu was admitted with signs of peritonitis on Dr.Colaco's side. A D and C was done on her by Dr.Colaco and the patient was discharged. The next day after her discharge, she developed vomiting and constipation and was re-admitted with signs of intestinal obstruction with faecal vomiting. She was operated and found to have adhesions between bowels and bowel to uterus.

I felt that the D and C done on her was done in haste and without proper investigation and asked for explanation from Dr.Colaco. An explanation could have been given by Dr.Colaco within the time allotted and the matter would have ended.

Another incident happened which seemed to have enraged Dr.Colaco, i.e,, a patient by name Lucy D' Souza was admitted for bleeding per vaginum on whom a D and C was done by Dr.Colaco and the scrapings sent for biopsy. She posted the case for abdominal hysterectomy without waiting for the biopsy report. When I learnt that she has posted the case for hysterectomy, I left instructions to postpone the case, as the biopsy report was not received. I told her gently that the case in which she did a D and C. is bad with intestinal obstruction and that she could postpone the hysterectomy case.

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She goes back and sends a letter stating that I have summarily dismissed her from my presence and asked me to confirm. Her explanation reached me nearly a month after my demanding the explanation. (The bundle of correspondence given by her will reveal).

The result of the biopsy report was "Specimen shows degenerating products of conception. Repeat biopsy for confirmation". But the patient was discharged by her even before the biopsy report was received. This again shows her unsatisfactory work and haste in doing operations without proper investigation.

Her action in posting a case for hysterectomy, when it was only a case of incomplete abortion as revealed by the biopsy report, deserves the necessary action against her. Regarding my harshness, rudeness, harassment etc., I have to state that I have given her more freedom in her work and allowed her to operate independently though my predecessors were not doing so. As a Superintendent, I have to exercise supervision over the work of my subordinates and other staff. I am sending the whole file fc your perusal and necessary action.

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Medical College.
Government Hospital (Station)

Pathology Laboratory. Date. 7-3-1955.
Clinical

Register No. G'184/55.
Received from Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.
Reference Lucy D' Souza. F.38.
Nature of Specimen. Eudometrium.
Reslut of Examination: Appearances are those of degenerating products of conception. Repeat biopsy for confirmation.

Copy of letter C.No.998/53 (Confidential) dated 26-1-1953 of the District Medical Officer, South Kanara to the Director of Medical Services Madras.

Sub: Honorary Medical Officers - Government Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore - Dr.Kumari Colaco, B.A., M.D., M.R.C.O., FRCS., Honorary Assistant Medical Officer (Senior)

Ref: Your Ref.No.125162 E.2 dated 21-1-1953.

Letter dated 11-1-1953 from Dr.Kumari L.Colaco, B.A., M.D., MRCOG., FRCS., Honorary Assistant Medical Officer (Senior) Government Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore addressed to me is herewith forwarded with the following remarks.

It is in view of the high qualifications of this doctor that I recommended for her entertainment in service even without resorting to advertisement and later for her appointment as Honorary Assistant Medical Officer (Senior) straight away. Her complaint is not valid as it was upto her to admit cases when she was sitting in the out-patient for two days in the week. Her plea of ignorance of this is really strange.

I am of the opinion that her qualification have not stood her in good stead. I understand that she was once in service in the local Kankanady Hospital but had to be sent out as she rebelled against the Director of the Institution.

In the Lady Goschen Hospital, she was rash. A girl aged 18 years who was in perfect health was operated upon by her for Vesico Vaginal Fistula and the girl died the next day. I had to check her up. She resents this and also advice and disciplinary control. She asked permission to operate upon another woman Chiki aged 28 years for V.V.F. In the case sheet she had noted 'Heart and lungs N.A.D'. but it was a case of double mitral; and again when this was pointed out she noted on the case sheet 'Triple rhythum with suspicion of sytolic murmur, Heart not enlarged'. I enclose the skiagram of the case which will speak volumes against people who fall back on their degrees for support as a last resort.

Having said this much I need not explain why she could not fill her beds. The very list of operations which she has collected (without my permission and so irregular) would ~~should~~ show I have been very liberal to her.

Her complaint is frivolous. Here is surely a case for proceeding with caution inspite of her very high qualifications for which I have great regard. The x-ray photo and the enclosed file may kindly be returned after perusal. I have nothing personal.

(True copy)

for Director of Medical Services

From

Dr. Lydia Colaco B.A., M.D., F.P.C.S., M.R.C.O.G.,
Honorary Assistant Medical Officer, Senior,
Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

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The District Medical Officer,
Superintendant, Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

To

The Director of Medical Services,
Madras - 6.

Sir,

I wish to bring the following facts to your kind notice, for favour of suitable action.

One patient by name Lucy D'Souza was posted by me for total hysterectomy etc, for suspected carcinoma of the body of the uterus, on my operation day, date 22-2-55. I was given to understand by the M.A.S. in charge that morning, that I was not to operate.

When I approached the Supdt. in his office at the Govt. Head Quarters Hospital, to ascertain the reason for this action, I was summarily dismissed after being told that the operation was postponed because another patient for whom I had done a D and C was bad now. I was not given an opportunity to either discuss or to explain about the D and C case which had been discharged cured by me, and had been readmitted for some other condition.

As I wanted to pursue the matter, I addressed the Supdt. to confirm his action in summarily dismissing me and not giving me an opportunity to explain (enclosure No 1). Instead of replying to my letter, I find that the Supdt. is trying to harass me by framing un-necessary, un-charitable and untrue charges against me viz:

1. Professional negligence,
2. Tampering with the records of the Hospital.

(enclosure No 2 - CM No 2767/55 from the office of the District Medical Officer, D/2-3-55.)

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I wish to point out that the Supdt. has written this letter only to harass me inorder to over-ride the issue pointed out by me-in my letter to him. So while refuting the charges, I requested him (enclosure No 3), for a copy of the case sheet of the D and C case in question, but neither a copy nor the original has been made available to me, an action which I can hardly understand, considering the grave charges made against me.

As far as I remember Sir, patient Kantharu was admitted on 7-2-55, with pain abdomen, rigidity and bleeding p.v. and temperature 100.°F. She was put on penicillin and sulpha drugs by the Duty Medical Officer. When I saw her the next day for the first time, the temperature had subsided, her general condition had improved but the bleeding had not stopped. I continued the antibiotics to enable me to do an urgent D and C if necessary, under cover of them. In the meantime I tried to control the bleeding by medical measures and not having succeeded I did a D and C when I thought she was fit for it. The convalescence thereafter was quite normal and I discharged her on 21-2-55.

On readmission on 22-2-55 the Supdt. had sufficient time to call for an explanation which he did not. Further when I offered to give an explanation on 22-2-55 he summarily dismissed me. Even then he did not frame a charge. He framed a charge only after he received my letter dated 1-3-55 and that too without calling for an explanation.

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Sir, having treated the patient to the best of my ability I think it is very unkind and uncharitable that false charges should be made against me with a view to harass me and I strongly resent this. I resent it all the more, because my professional skill, my integrity of character as an Honorary Medical Officer and my status in the Hospital have been questioned. If necessary I would submit that I may be given an opportunity to explain matters in person.

I request you therefore to take urgent, immediate and suitable action against such behaviour of the Asst.

Mangalore,
16-7-1955.

Yours faithfully,
T. A. Colaco.

Enclosures
Copies of:-
1. My letter dated 1-7-55.
2. Letter C/No 2939/55 from the office of the District Medical Officer, dated 9-7-55.
3. My letter dated 5-7-55, in reply to 2, above.

Copy direct to the Director of Medical Services.

Forwarded
K. S. Kesavan
District Medical Officer
South Kanara, Mangalore.

Enclosure no 1

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From
Dr. Lydia Colaco, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G.,
Hony. Assistant Medical Officer, (Senior),
Lady Goschen Hospital,
MANGALORE.

To
The District Medical Officer,
Superintendent, Lady Goschen Hospital,
MANGALORE.

Sir,

I had posted Patient Lucy D'Souza, Bed No. 11, Surgical Ward, for a total hysterectomy on 28.2.1955. When I went to the Hospital, on that day, I was told by the W.A.S.-in-charge that you had directed that I was not to operate on the patient on that day.

When I approached you in person at your Office in the Government Head-Quarters Hospital to know the reason of this decision of yours, you told me that you had decided thus because a case on which I had done a D. & C. was bad now. But when I tried to explain that the said D. & C. case was discharged cured and has subsequently been re-admitted for some other condition at present, you summarily dismissed me in the presence of your clerk saying that I was given to arguing.

I request you to confirm this and expedite your reply.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

Mangalore, S.K.
1. 3. 1955.

(L. Colaco)

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Enclosure No 2

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Office of the Dt. Medical Officer,
S. Kanara, Mangalore, D/-8-55.

Dr. (Kumari) Indira Colaco, Honorary Assistant Medical Officer,
Govt. Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

A patient by name Pantharu, Aged 55 years was admitted on 7-8-55, for pain abdomen with fever for 10 days - last period 15 days back - abdomen tender distended. The findings on admission by the Admitting Medical Officer were temperature 102.00 .
P.V. Uterus normal size and position, fornices tender - No definite mass felt. She was put on penicillin, Solusentasine and alkine diuretic mixture and treated as general peritonitis.

Another P.V. was made in the ward - the findings were, fornices normal, ~~her~~ uterus normal, cervix Hypertrophied erosion cervix present. The abdomen tender and distended. - Slight rigidity of abdominal wall present. Abdomen moves with respiration. Bleeding per vagina since 15 days.

The temperature continued till 11-8-1955. and the same treatment of penicillin solusentasine continued with addition of Haemo static serum and calcium gluconate. The temperature touched normal on 11-8-55. You did a D and C on her on 14-8-55. On the day of operation temperature shot up to 100°. She was discharged on 21-8-55.

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She was re-admitted on 26-8-55 with the complaint of vomiting constination and pain abdomen for 4 days i.e. from 22-8-55 i-e. the next day after discharge from the hospital.

She developed faecal vomiting after admission and was in a serious condition with signs of intestinal obstruction.

She was operated by me on 29-8-55 and found to have intestinal obstruction due to adhesions of the bowels one to another and also fibrous bands constricting the bowels, filmsy adhesions of the bowels to the body of the uterus of about a months duration and cysts of the tubes. I feel that the D and C done on her was not indicated and you did the operation without proper investigation and diagnosis and in haste as the temperature was normal only for 2 days especially when she had general peritonitis.

2. I have reason to believe that you have interpolated the following findings on the discharged case sheet on 22-8-1955,

"13/P.V. Uterus normal, fornices normal, profuse bleeding P.V. for D and C."

and added the date 13 to look as if the notes were written on 17-8-55.

Please explain why disciplinary action should not be taken against you for negligence of duty and for tampering with the Hospital record. The explanation should reach me by Monday the 7th instant.

Signed R. S. Devarai,
District Medical Officer, South Kanara, Mangalore

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Enclosure No 3

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Dr. [illegible] M.B., B.S., D.T.M. & H.,
Hony. Assistant Medical Officer, Union,
Lady Stephen Hospital, Bangalore.

The District Medical Officer,
South Kanara District, Mangalore.

Your reference C/o no/55 from the office of the District Medical Officer, dated 2-7-55.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I find that you have framed two charges against me viz:

1. D and C done by me was not indicated.
2. That I had tampered with the Hospital records.

While I refute both these charge categorically, I request that a complete and exact copy of the case sheet in question may be supplied to me, so that I can reply to you in detail about charges No 1.

Regarding charge No 2, I have not tampered with any Hospital records and I feel that the charge made is very un-charitable.

Bangalore,
5-7-1955.

Yours faithfully,

L. Chacko

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From

Dr. Lydia Colaco, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G.,
Honorary Assistant Medical Officer, Senior,
Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

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The District Medical Officer,
The Superintendant, Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore

To

The Director of Medical Services,
Madras - 6.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter dated 16-3-55, I am constrained to add the following for your further kind consideration.

The Supdt. interfered with the normal discharge of my duties on 28-2-55, by preventing me from operating upon a case, which I had posted for operation on that day.

I am inclined to think that when he realised that I was going to pursue the matter, he framed untrue charges against me for the alleged unsatisfactory treatment of another patient. To add insult to injury he has gone so far as to charge me with interpolation of Hospital records.

I submit that I have separately rendered my explanations and refuted both these charges which have been ~~charged~~ framed against me, - vide my letters dated 5-3-55 and 30-3-55.

In this connection, I humbly submit that the Supdt. has taken an unreasonable attitude towards me and as the records will prove, has altered the sequence of certain facts and suppressed others to ~~enable him to frame charges and harrass~~ me.

For the purpose of clarification, it is necessary to mention the following:-

1. The Supdt. was rude to me on 28-2-55, and refused to take an explanation from me on that day, - vide my letter dated 1-3-55.

2. He framed untrue charges and to justify his action,

   a) He altered in his letter dated 2-3-55, the chronological order of the clinical findings in the case. There-in he made it appear that the abdominal findings were noted along with and subsequent to the p.v. findings. In the case sheet the abdominal findings and history have been entered first and later separately the p.v. findings are noted. Vide- his letter dated 2-3-55 and the true copy of the case sheet enclosed.

   b) He has conveniently forgotten to mention the uneventful convalescence, and yet exaggerated a small rise of temperature of 100°F on the day of operation, as having " shot up to 100° " Vide - his letter dated 2-3-55.

3. A request for the copy of the case sheet ~~xxx~~ on 5-3-55 was not complied with, till 17-3-55, and then, an irrelevant temperature chart was sent while the relevant temperature chart was suppressed. It was sent only after insisting. Vide - my letters dated 19-3-55 and 23-3-55.

P. T. O.

4. In all his office letters he has hardly given me time to submit my explanations and especially in his letter dated 24-3-55, he seems to be eager to assume that I have no explanation to give, if I did not reply within two days of its receipt.
Vide - His office letters dated 14-3-55, 21-3-55, 24-3-55

5. And all the time, he seems to have conveniently forgotten that he had disdained to accept an explanation I had offered even so early as 28-2-55.
Vide - my letter dated 1-3-55.

It may not be out of place for me to mention here, that ever since I sought an interview with the Supdt. on 25-1-55, to implement the orders of my appointment as Honarary Medical Officer, his hostile attitude towards me has become apparent. On that date he dismissed me with extreme rudeness with these words, " I do not think doctor that there is any necessity for an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, you may go." This attitude has culminated in this action of his.

Lastly I request that I may be permitted to bring to your kind ~~consideration~~ notice, that during my three years of work in this hospital, I have treated innumerable gynaec. cases and performed independantly dozens of major operations with good results. By virtue of the quality of my work, I have been allowed the privelege of independant admission and operation days since nearly two years.

I therefore request you to extend to me your kind protection so as to enable me to discharge my duties normally and without harrassment.

Mangalore,
31-3-55.

Yours faithfully,
L Colaco
Sig. L. Colaco.

Enclosures.

Copies of :-

1. My letter dated 19-3-55.
2. - do - dated 23-3-55.
3. - do - dated 30-3-55.

4. Office letter C.No.3164/55, dated 14-3-55.
5. - do - C.No.2767/55, dated 21-3-55.
6. - do - C.No.2767/55, dated 24-3-55.

7. The case sheet of Kantharu, the D & C case, along with the 4th hourly temperature chart.

Copies already submitted with my letter dated 16-3-55.

1. My letter dated 1-3-55.
2. Office letter C.No. 2767/55, dated 2-3-55.
3. My letter dated 5-3-55.

Copy direct to the Director of Medical Services.

Forwarded
K.S. Kesavan
District Medical Officer
South Kanara, Mangalore.

Kanakam 55 yrs Feb 1953

CLINICAL CHART OF TEMPERATURE, ETC.

Date		17			18			19			20			21		
Day of Disease																
Pulse	80	88 80	84 80	84	88	88 84	84 80	84	84	84 80	84	84	84	84	84	
Resp.	22	22 22	22 22	22	22	22 22	22 22	22	22	22 22	22	22	22	22	22	
Motions	0		1	0		1	0		0	1		1	1			
Urine ozs.	P		P	P		P	P		P	P		P	P			

Temperature, Fahrenheit's Scale

105° 104° 103° 102° 101° 100° 99° 98° 97°

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Kanakam Age 55 yrs R-S. Kavanakam 24/3/53

True Copy Signature Collector 8/13

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SRI RAMAKRISHNA NURSING HOME.

Name ..... Disease .....

Age ..... Duration of Disease .....

Sex ..... Date of Admission .....

Residence ..... Date of Discharge .....

Complaint ..... Result .....

History .....

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Notes on Examination .....

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URINE

Sp. G. .....

Reaction .....

Albumen .....

Sugar .....

Deposits .....

Srinivas Printing Works, Mangalore.

Kantharu 55 yrs February 1955

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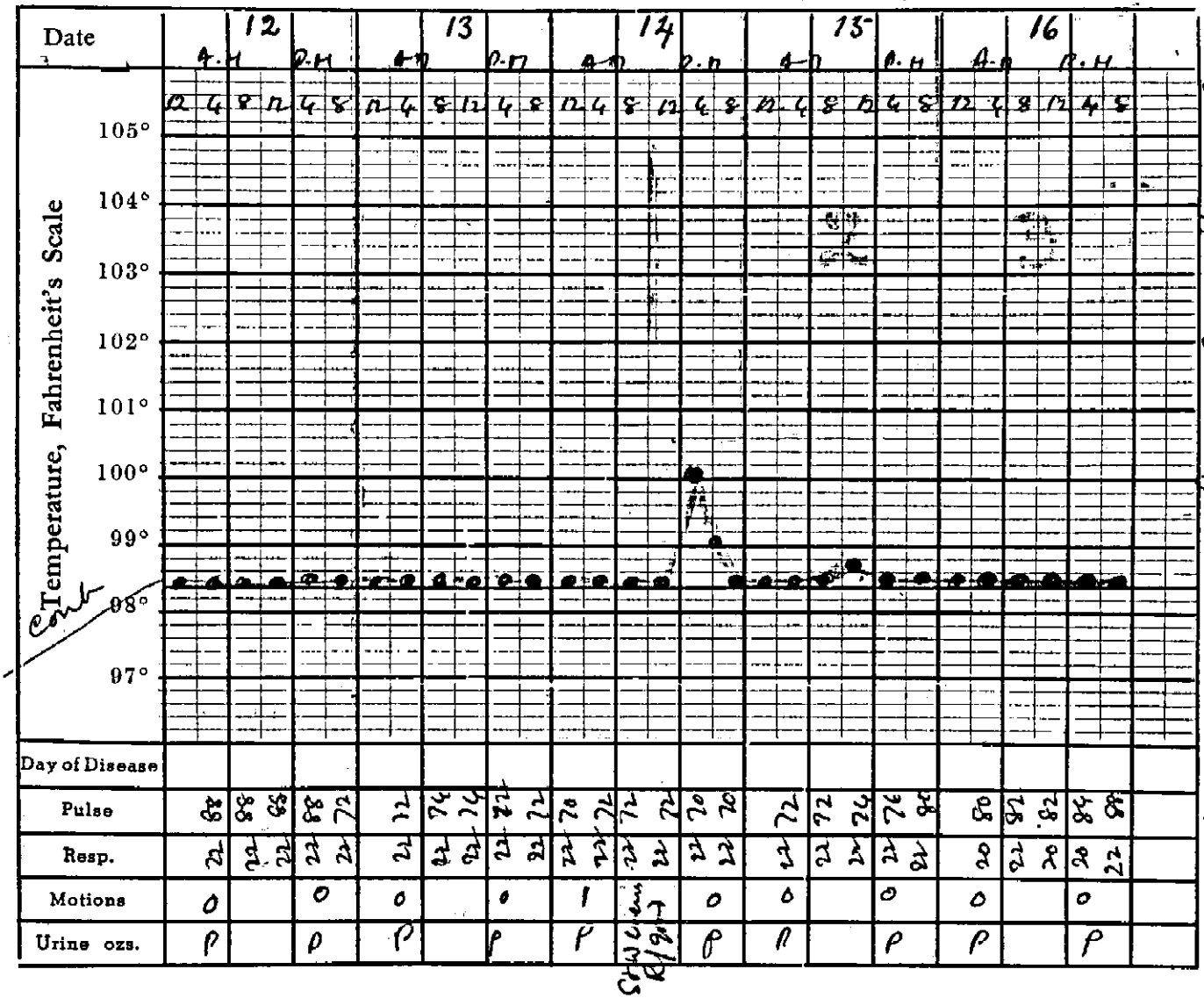
CLINICAL CHART OF TEMPERATURE, ETC.



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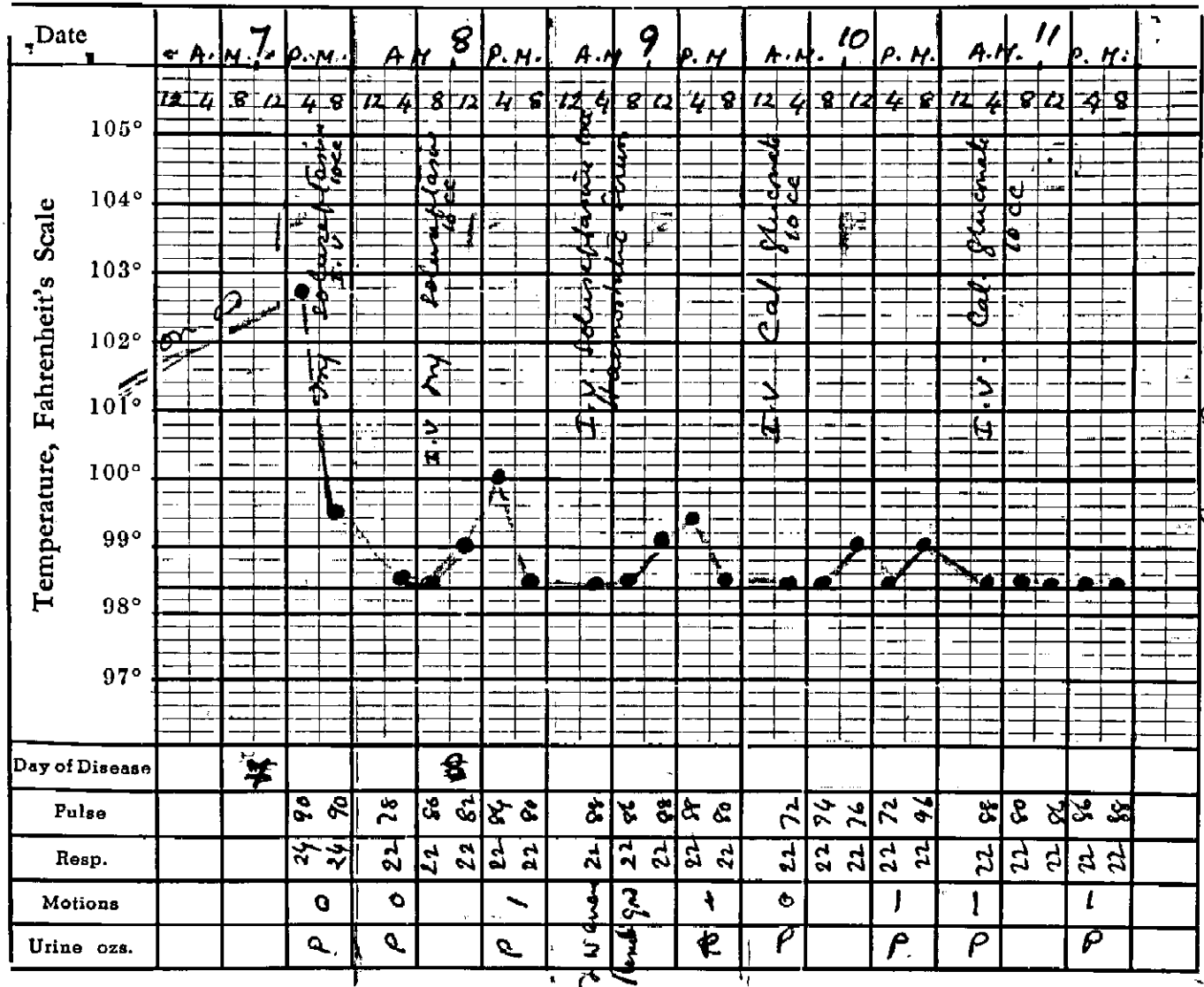

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SRI RAMAKRISHNA NURSING HOME.

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Residence ..... Date of Discharge .....

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I.P. No. 740.

CASE SHEET & SURGICAL Ward
Bed No. Surg: 27

GOVERNMENT L. G. HOSPITAL Mangalore.

Name and age: Kantharu 55yrs. Occupation: Muncipal sweeper.

Race and caste: H.

Residence: w/o Sinkrai
Muncipal sweeper

Student's Name:

Admitted 7-2-55 4. 20 P.M.

Discharged Cd at 6 P.M. on 21-2-55.

Disease: Metropathia Haemorrhagica Duration: 10 days.

Pain abdomen with fever since 10 days - last period about 15 days back. Abdomen tender and distended - slight rigidity of the abdominal wall present - Abdomen moves with respiration - Bleeding per vagina.

Pathological or Special Report:

B.P. 110/50 Urine albumen nil acid, sugar nil

P.V. Fornices normal - ut. normal, cx hypertrophied, erosion of cx.

Operation or treatment adopted:

13/ P.V. uterus normal, fornices normal, profuse bleeding ~~xxxxxx xxxxxx~~ p.v. For D & C

14/ Under general anaesthesia D & C done by Dr. Srinivas and Dr. Colaco - Curettings thick endometrium.

Pt. belongs to A Group

Result:

True Copy

Sig. R. S. KesavaRaj
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B.D. Chart Blank

True Copy
Colaco
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C.No.3164/55

Office of the Dt. Medical Officer
S.Kanara, Mangalore. D/ 4-3-1955.

To

Dr.(Kumari) Lydia Colaco, Honarary Assistant Medical Officer
Govt. Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

Ref: This office letter C.No.2767/55, dated 2-3-1955.
2. Your letter dated 5-3-55.

A true copy of the case sheet in question is enclosed herewith for your information.

The explanation called for in this memo. first cited, should reach me within three days from the date of recipt of this memo.

Sig. R. S. KesavaRaj.
Dt. Medical Officer, South Kanara.

(True copy) Colaco 31/3

From

Dr. Lydia Colaco, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G.,
Honarary Assistant Medical Officer, Senior,
Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

To

The District Medical Officer,
South Kanara District,
Mangalore.

Ref: Memorandum C.No.3164/55 from the office of the Dt. Medical Officer, S. Kanara, Mangalore, D/14-3-55.

Dear Sir,

While thanking you for sending the copy of the case sheet of Kantharu, the D & C case, I request to point out to you that a complete and exact copy of the case sheet was requested, But I find that the copy ~~fx~~ of the case sheet sent by you is not complete, as the temperature chart relating to the period 7-2-55 to 21-2-55 and the other entries there-in have not been included.

As the temperature chart with the entries there-in is necessary for the explanation called for by you, I regret inability to reply to your office letter C.No.2767/55 dated 2-3-55, within the time specified by you.

Mangalore,
19-3-55.

Yours faithfully,

Sig. L. Colaco

(True copy)

L Colaco
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C[illegible]6.2767/55. Office of the Dt. Medical Officer,
S.Kanara, Mangalore. Dt. 21-3-1955.

To

Dr. Lydia Colaco, Honarary Assistant Medical Officer,
Govt. Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

Ref: Your letter dated 19-3-55.

A complete and exact copy of the Case Sheet, ~~xxxquestion~~ certified as true copy by me, was sent to you. The B.D. temperature chart for the period 7-2-55 to 21-2-55, was not mantained, for the patient as a 4th hourly chart only was maintained, which was also sent to you. However, you can refer to the original records now in the custody of the Senior Assistant Surgeon, Dr. Kochammani, if you are still doubting. Please expedite your explanation by 25-3-1955 without any further delay.

Sig R. S. KesavaRaj
Dt. Medical Officer, South Kanara.

True copy 21/3

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Dr. Lydia Colaco, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G.
Honarary Assistant Medical Officer, Senior,
Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

To

The District Medical Officer,
Superintendant, Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore

Dear Sir,

With reference to your memorandum C.No.2767/55, from the office of the District Medical Officer, D/ 21-3-1955, I regret to inform you that I have not received the temperature chart of Kantharu, the D & C case during her stay in the ~~hospital~~ hospital from 7-2-55 to 21-2-55.

The temperature chart of Kantharu from 26-2-55 to 13-3-55 only has been sent, even thaugh this was not asked for. I request that a certified copy of the ~~xxxx~~ 4th hourly temperature chart mentioned by you, relating to the period 7-2-55 to 21-2-55, may be sent to me so as to enable me to expeditiously reply to your letter dated 2-3-55.

Mangalore,
23-3-55.

Yours faithfully,

Sig. L. Colaco.

(True * copy)

L Colaco
31/3

C.No.2767/55. Office of the Dt. Medical Officer,
S.Kanara, Mangalore. D/24-3-1955.

To

Dr. Lydia Colaco, Honarary Asst. Medical Officer,
Govt. Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

Ref: Her letter dated 23-3-55 for the fourth hourly temperature chart of patient Kantharu for the period from 7-2-55 to 21-2-55.

The temperature charts of Kantharu, the D.N.C. case referred to in her above letter for the period from 7-2-55 to 21-2-55 are herewith enclosed. She is requested to submit her explanation within two days from the date of receipt of this letter. She will also note that if no explanation is received, it will be presumed that she has no explanation to offer on the above subject, and further action will be taken.

Sig. R.S. KesavaRaj
District Medical Officer, South Kanara,
Mangalore.

Encls: 3 fourth hourly temperature charts of patient Kantharu duly attested by the District Medical Officer on 24-3-55.

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From

Dr. Lydia Colaco, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G.,
Honorary Assistant Medical Officer, Senior,
Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

To

The District Medical Officer,
Superintendent, Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore.

Ref: Memorandum C.No.2727/55 from the office of the District Medical Officer, D/9-8-1955.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter dated 3-8-1955, after a scrutiny of the case sheet of Kantharu, the D & C case admitted from 7-8-55 to 21- 8-55, I wish to state as follows:-

The patient was admitted at 4.30 P.M. on 7-8-55 with pain abdomen, tender and distended, slight riridity, fever 102°F and bleeding P.V. When I saw her for the first time the next morning, the temperature had subsided, the general condition of the patient improved, but the bleeding still continued. The patient had been put on antibiotics and sulpha drugs by the duty Medical Officer on 7-8-55, and I continued the same to enable me to do an urgent D & C if necessary, under cover of them. In the meantime I tried to control the bleeding by medical means and not having succeeded and the necessary investigations having been made, I did a therapeutic D & C. The bleeding stopped the next day, the convalescence was uneventful and I discharged her when she was fit.

I consider the D & C was indicated and that it was done at the proper time and that a delay would have jeopardised her. Further the patient while she was under my care from 7-8-55 to 21-8-55, did not have general peritonites, which is obvious from the case sheet and the temperature chart.

Mangalore,
30-8-1955.

Yours faithfully,

Sig. L. Colaco.

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Sub: Hosp. Medical Officers – Govt. Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore Dr. (Kumari) Lydia Colaco, Hosp. Asst. Medical Officer – Report against – Orders passed.

Read: G.O. Ms. no. 201 Health, Dr. 21-1-52.
G.O. Ms. no. 134 Health, Dr. 11-1-55.

Ref: From the DMS., no. 24502-E2/55, Dr. 10-5-55.

G.O. (Rt) no. 1857 Health, Dr. 31/5/55

Certain instances have been brought to the notice of the Govt., in which Dr. (Kumari) Lydia Colaco, Hosp. Asst. Medical Officer, Govt. Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore has been rather hasty in her work. She is hereby warned to be more careful in her work in future.

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To
Dr. Lydia Colaco, MD, FRCS., MRCOG.,
Hosp. Asst. Medical Officer,
Govt. Lady Goschen Hospital,
Mangalore thro the DMS

Dr. DMS

Ir/e.

Dated in Rc 30.5.55

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C.No. 46593/55. Sub: Hony. Medical Officers – Dr. (Kumari) Lydia Colaco, Hony. Asst. Medical Officers, Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore – Report against.

pp. 1-2 Cf. Ref: From the DMS., No. 24502-E2/55, Dt. 10-5-55.

Please see the DMS's letter at pp. 1-2 Cf. and its enclosures, containing certain charges against Dr. (Kumari) Lydia Colaco, Hony. Asst. Medical Officers, Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore. This officer has been holding the post of Hony. Asst. Medical Officer in the above hospital since January 1952, and she has recently been appointed as Hony. Medical Officer in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Section of the hospital in one of the posts created in that hospital to provide clinical teaching facilities for the students of the Kasturba Medical College, Manipal – vide the orders in G.O. No. MD 134 Health, Dt. 11-1-55. Orders appointing her as Hony. Medical Officer have not however been given effect to by the DMS for want of hospital facilities. The D.M.O., Mangalore, brought to the DMS's notice two specific cases in which Dr. Colaco was negligent in her duties and also a case in which she is reported to have tampered with the hospital records. The report of the D.M.O., Mangalore at pp. 3-4 Cf. may be perused. In the circumstances reported therein, the D.M.S.,

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(L)/pp 21-27 Cf.

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Considers that the work turned out by Dr. Colaco is not up to the standard of a Medical Officer with such high post-graduate qualifications, and that there must be a certain amount of professional incompetency on her part in regard to the present cases referred to by the DMO., S. Kanara. The DMS therefore recommends that the Officer may be warned to be careful in future and that otherwise serious notice will be taken of her work and conduct.

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For orders whether the DMS's recommendation may be accepted and the Asst. Medical Officer may accordingly be warned.

May be done
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16-5-55

~~May Secretary to draft Memo.~~
~~be submitted below for approval.~~

May be circulated to M (H).

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Dr. Colaco is very highly qualified and it is difficult to hold that she has any professional incompetency. She is perhaps rather hasty and naturally resents undue interference in her work by over-bearing C.M.O.s. However, she may be warned to be careful in her work.

Thanks
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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
23 MAY 1955

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
25 MAY 1955

A draft order is submitted below for approval.

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[G.O./Rt. No. 1857 Health dated 31-5-55]